

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0165A  
Takemori TAKAYAMA et al. : **Confirmation No. 1859**  
Serial No. 10/570,045 : Group Art Unit 3679  
Filed March 1, 2006 : Examiner Ernesto Garcia  
SINTERED SLIDING MATERIAL, SLIDING : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
MEMBER, CONNECTING DEVICE AND  
DEVICE USING THE SLIDING MEMBER

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 3, 2009, Applicants hereby elect Group II, which is drawn to a sliding member and is embodied by claims 6-12, 17-20 and 41-56. Accordingly, since Group II has been elected, Applicants further elect Species IIa. Claims 6-12, 53 and 54 are readable on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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